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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

> This paper is in response to the July 2, 2002 Office Action (paper no. 12).
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Office Action in view of the
following amendments and remarks.

> Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

> 1. (Twice Amended) A computer-based method for facilitating the
selection of chemical compounds, comprising:

> receiving an identification of a target compound and a
neighborhood range from a user;

> performing a chemical similarity join to identify compounds of
interest within said neighborhood range of said target compound, said chemical similarity
join being performed on: